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Re: Congressional Candidate Steve Oelrich, Candidate for Florida's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, Campaign Violations.

July 2, 2012

OFFICE OF LEGAL  
COUNSEL

General Counsel  
Federal Elections Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

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I am James Miller and my address is Sarasota, FL 34231.  
I am filing this Federal Election Commission (FEC) complaint on behalf of  
Congressman Cliff Stearns, Congressman for Florida's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional  
District.

This notice will serve as a formal federal elections complaint against  
Congressional Candidate Steve Oelrich and his committee for a political  
advertisement that aired from June 26-28 on radio in Florida's 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Congressional District. I can provide a copy of this ad via email if you wish.

The specific violations of the Federal Election Commission (FEC) laws and  
regulations are as follows:

- 1) 11 CFR 110.11(b)(1)(2)(3), 11 CFR 110.11(c), 11 CFR 110.11(c)(3)(i);
- 2) The above referenced CFR section 11 CFR 110.11(b)(1) clearly states that "If the communication, including any solicitation, is paid for and authorized by a candidate, an authorized committee of a candidate, or an agent of either of the foregoing, the disclaimer must clearly state that the communication has been paid for by the authorized political committee; (2) If the communication, including any solicitation, is authorized by a candidate, an authorized committee of a candidate, or an agent of either of the foregoing, but is paid for by any other person, the disclaimer must clearly state that the communication is paid for by such other person and is authorized by such candidate, authorized committee, or agent; or (3) If the communication, including any

solicitation, is not authorized by a candidate, authorized committee of a candidate, or an agent of either of the forgoing, the disclaimer must clearly state the full name and permanent street address, telephone number or World Wide Web address of the person who paid for the communication, and that the communication is not authorized by any candidate or candidates' committee."

- 3) The above referenced CFR section 11 CFR 110.11(c) clearly states that "A disclaimer required by paragraph (a) of this section must be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner, to give the reader, observer, or listener adequate notice of the identity of the person or political committee that paid for and, where required, that authorized the communication. A disclaimer is not clear and conspicuous if it is difficult to read or hear, or if the placement is easily overlooked."
- 4) The above referenced CFR section 11 CFR 110.11(c)(3)(i) clearly states that "A communication that is authorized or paid for by a candidate or the authorized committee of a candidate that is transmitted through radio or television, or through any broadcast, cable or satellite transmission, must comply with the following:
- (i)A communication transmitted through radio must include an audio statement by the candidate that identifies the candidate and states that he or she has approved the communication."

The radio advertisement that aired in Florida's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District from June 26-28 had no disclaimer. It was nonexistent! Clearly, the advertisement referenced above violates the spirit and letter of the law regarding federal candidates and we respectfully request the FEC's ruling supporting our complaint against Candidate Oelrich in Florida's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional district.

Re: Congressional Candidate Steve Oelrich, Candidate for Florida's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District Campaign Violations.

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Federal Elections Commission:

I am James Miller and my address is Sarasota, FL 34231. I am filing this Federal Election Commission (FEC) complaint on behalf of Congressman Cliff Stearns, Congressman for Florida's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District.

This notice will serve as a formal federal elections complaint against Congressional Candidate Steve Oelrich and his committee for a political advertisement currently airing on broadcast stations in Florida's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District. I can provide a copy of this ad via email if you wish.

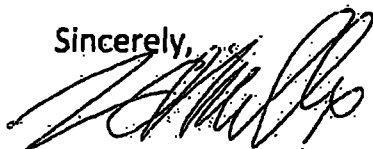
The specific violations of the Federal Election Commission (FEC) laws and regulations concern Candidate Oelrich's current advertising campaign that is being paid for by Candidate Oelrich's State Senate Committee, a fund funded by corporate donations. The sponsoring committee is using corporate funds to pay for the advertisement and that is clearly contra to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) rules and regulations. Regarding federal candidates, the FEC clearly holds that corporations cannot contribute to federal candidates. The specific sections violated are as follows:

- 1) 11 CFR 114.2(a)(b) and (d);
- 2) The above referenced CFR section 11 CFR 114.2(a) (b) and (d) clearly states that "campaigns may not accept contributions made from the general treasury funds of corporations, labor organizations, or national banks. This prohibition applies to any incorporated organization, including a nonstock corporation, a trade association, an incorporated membership organization and an incorporated cooperative."

In summary, the political advertisement referenced above being aired by Candidate Oelrich, fails to meet any of the above stated legal requirements since the funds coming from his state senate campaign committee are funds that include corporate contributions. It would appear once again that the Oelrich campaign does not have a clear understanding of the federal campaign laws.

Clearly, the advertisement referenced above violates the spirit and letter of the law regarding candidates for federal elected office and we respectfully request the FEC's ruling supporting our complaint against Candidate Oelrich in Florida's 3rd Congressional District.

Sincerely,



James Miller

Signed and sworn to before me a notary public this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2012.



Judy Resler  
Notary Public - State of Florida  
My Commission Expires February 18, 2016  
Commission # EE 170816



Complainant